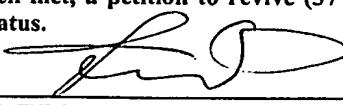


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5 still unknown 070749
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP00/08842		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 4 SEPTEMBER 2000		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 15 SEPTEMBER 1999
TITLE OF INVENTION GAS-INSULATED SWITCHGEAR DEVICE				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Costante PIAZZA - Libero SFONDORINI - Aldo SCIACCA				
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:				
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:				
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: redrafted claims 15 to 28 for entering the preliminary amendment.</p>				

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Total claims	14 - 20 =		x \$18.00
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Sir,

Applicants desire processing of the above International Application in the national U.S. phase under P.C.T..

This is to enclose:

- 1) Transmittal letter in duplicate; Authorization (Form PTO-1390) to collect US \$ 930.=;
- 2) Assignment to ABB SERVICE S.R.L. + Deposit Account Order for the Assignment fee in the amount of US \$ 40.=;
- 3) Specification and claims with combined declaration and power of attorney duly signed on March 5, 2002 and attached thereto for the above Patent Application;
- 4) Five formal drawings accompanying the specification;
- 5) Preliminary Amendment with new claims 15 to 28;

We further enclose the following documents:

- 6) Copy of the Request;
- 7) Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date;
- 8) Notification concerning submission or transmittal of Priority Document;

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- 9) Notification of transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration;
+ International Search Report and cited references;
+ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(b);
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- 11) Notification of receipt of Demand by competent International preliminary Examining Authority;
- 12) Written Opinion;
- 13) Applicants' response to the Written Opinion;
- 14) Notification of transmittal of the International Preliminary Examination Report + International Preliminary Examination Report;
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The priority date of the Italian Patent Application N. MI99A001923 of September 15, 1999 is respectfully claimed. The Certified Copy was submitted at WIPO on December 28, 2000.

Please place of record in the file the enclosed papers and kindly acknowledge receipt thereof.

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Thanking you in advance,

Respectfully submitted



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